

About the Education Protection Account...

With the November 2012 passage of Proposition 30, which temporarily increases the personal income tax rates for upper-income taxpayers and the sales tax rate for all taxpayers¹, the state officially established the Education Protection Account (EPA). Revenue generated from the increased taxes are deposited into the EPA and distributed to districts and charter schools on a quarterly basis.

While funds from the EPA are part of a district's or charter school's general purpose funding, Proposition 30 specifies that EPA funds may not be used for salaries or benefits of administrators or any other administrative costs.

From an accounting perspective, EPA revenue and expenditures must be coded separately (under a new resource code, 1400, created specifically for EPA funds) and **from an operational perspective, governing boards must determine the use of EPA funds at an open public meeting. This determination must occur annually.**

FY 2015-16 Education Protection Account Spending Plan

In FY 2015-16, EPA funds are estimated to be 22% of the LCFF Base Rate in 2015-16. For University Preparation at CSU Channel Islands School (UPS), this equates to \$542,721 and for University Charter Middle School (UCMS), \$280,265. The spending plan for UPS and UCMS allocates these funds to support teacher salaries.

Proposed Motion Language:

"I hereby move to adopt the UPS EPA Spending Plan, which will allocate FY15/16 EPA funds estimated to be \$542,721 toward teacher salaries.

I further move to adopt the UCMS EPA Spending Plan, which will allocate FY15/16 EPA funds estimated to be \$280,265 toward teacher salaries."

¹ The .25 sales tax increase will expire in 2016; the income tax increase will expire in 2018.